



March 13, 2023

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker Emerita of the House of Representatives
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Feinstein and Speaker Emerita Pelosi:

I write on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco to express my strong support for \$5 million from 2024 Community Project Funding for the redesign and reconstruction of Harvey Milk Plaza/Castro Muni Station in San Francisco. This project seeks to provide new public and park space for the Castro neighborhood and improve the usability and accessibility of the Castro Street Muni Station.

The redesign of Harvey Milk Plaza will be transformative for the neighborhood and for San Francisco as a whole. It will create a world-class civic space in the heart of the city, and reinvigorate tourism—the economic engine of the Castro neighborhood—by bringing consistent foot traffic year-round. This project will also significantly improve the functionality of the Castro Street Muni Station. Currently, the station's entrance can create barriers, particularly for individuals in need of more accessible pathways. This is especially true when the plaza is used as a community gathering space, which occurs frequently. The redesign of this space will ensure that transit riders can continue to efficiently access the station, while providing the community with a safe, welcoming space.

This multi-faceted project will support the economic and cultural revitalization of the historic Castro neighborhood, while helping us meet our climate goals by encouraging more transit ridership. Thank you for considering this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "London Breed".

London N. Breed
Mayor



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The Honorable Alex Padilla
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RE: San Francisco Harvey Milk Plaza/ Castro Muni Station Project Funding Request

Dear Senator Feinstein, Senator Padilla, and Speaker Emerita Pelosi:

I write in strong support of the City and County of San Francisco's to request for \$5 million in funding from the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD) Economic Development Initiatives (EDI) fund for the redesign and reconstruction of Harvey Milk Plaza/ Castro Muni Station in San Francisco. This project seeks to provide new public and park space for San Francisco's Castro neighborhood, and improve usability of, and accessibility to, the Castro Street Muni Station.

The redesign of Harvey Milk Plaza will be transformative for the neighborhood and for San Francisco as a whole. It will create a world-class civic space in the heart of the city, and reinvigorate tourism, the economic engine of the Castro neighborhood, by bringing consistent foot traffic year-round. This project will also significantly improve the functionality of the Castro Street Muni Station. As it stands, the Station's entrance can create barriers, particularly for individuals in need of more accessible pathways. This is especially true when the plaza is used as a community gathering space. The redesign of this space will ensure that transit riders can continue to efficiently access the station, while providing the community with an improved space

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to gather. Increased accessibility will foster an intimate connection between the neighborhood and the transit station.

This multi-faceted project will help San Francisco further its climate goals by encouraging more transit ridership and will support the economic and cultural revitalization of the historic Castro Neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,



Scott Wiener
Senator, 11th District



Matt Haney
Assemblymember, 17th
District



Philip Y. Ting
Assemblymember, 19th
District



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To the Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein and the Honorable Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi,

I am pleased to submit to you this letter of endorsement for the Castro Muni Station Improvements/Harvey Milk Plaza project.

For over 25 years, the community has sought to reimagine Harvey Milk Plaza as an international beacon that fosters ongoing civic engagement around achieving equality for all marginalized communities. Investment at the site will make this important public space possible and will also provide local community benefits in the form of a vibrant gathering space, new park space, and important transit station improvements including code-compliance and safety upgrades at the main staircase to Castro Muni Station.

The Friends of Harvey Milk Plaza has coalesced citywide support around the vision for this next generation public plaza. It is widely understood that the reimagined plaza will be a key project to assist with the city's economic recovery efforts, as well as the efforts to revitalize the commercial corridors in the Castro neighborhood, by driving tourism into the city from local drive markets, as well as from the domestic and international travel markets. For all these reasons, we are pleased to support the efforts of the Office of the Mayor in securing funds to realize this vision.

Sincerely,

Brian Springfield
Executive Director